

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
**Expedited Procedure--Examining Group Art Unit 3761**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Re Patent Application of  
VERNICE J HARPER  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

FEE CALCULATION: No Additional Fees Due. Upon entry of the below amendment, the total number claims will be 20 or less, and the number of independent claims will be 3 or less.

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In response to the Final Action mailed June 22, 2001, and in order to place this case in condition for immediate allowance or in better form for appeal, applicant hereby requests the entry of the following amendment to the application:

**REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH(S), SECTION(S) AND CLAIM(S):**

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 1 through 7.